

ATC Revokes French Quarter Business's Alcoholic Beverage Permit

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BATON ROUGE, LA – This morning, Louisiana Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control (ATC) Commissioner Troy Hebert revoked the state liquor permit issued to Fais Deaux Deaux d/b/a Last Call located in the New Orleans French Quarter for failing to comply with a previously signed consent agreement.

Last Call which is located at 806 Conti Street was assessed a \$9,000.00 monetary penalty and was cited for selling alcohol to persons under twenty-one, permitting prostitution on the licensed premises and 42 counts of improper conduct stemming from criminal activities occurring on or near the licensed premises.

On June 24, 2015, an administrative hearing was held in New Orleans regarding Last Call in which testimony and evidence was presented to Commissioner Hebert. The information revealed that Last Call had continuously failed to comply with a prior signed consent agreement regarding the business's ability to operate as a legitimate restaurant in accordance with the state alcoholic beverage laws. State law requires that businesses holding a restaurant permit must maintain average monthly food sales of at least 50%.

Early last year, Last Call voluntarily entered into a consent agreement with ATC and agreed that management would closely monitor and oversee the business's operations and meet food sales requirements. However, testimony presented by the business's owner and others during the hearing revealed that Last Call's management had failed to comply with the majority of the terms consented to including increasing food sales. In fact, an ATC investigation revealed that Last Call had consistently sold approximately two times more alcohol than food on a monthly basis from the time of entering into the consent.

"ATC previously worked with this business and offered ways to bring them into compliance with state law. They clearly did not follow the previous agreement which in turn caused the business to lose their privilege of having an alcohol permit," said Commissioner Troy Hebert.

In response to the ATC investigation and the revocation of the state liquor permit, Louisiana State Police has additionally begun the administrative process of requesting the suspension of the video poker license for Last Call by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

"Public safety will remain a priority in the French Quarter and surrounding areas as Troopers work hand and hand with our ATC partners to thwart the criminal element not only in the streets, but also in businesses that foster criminal activity," said Colonel Mike Edmonson, State Police Superintendent.

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